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STRIKE HAD NO EFFECT

Reports as to Its Importance Were Magnified in the News Dispatches. No Material Change in the Situation in Texas-Louisiana Districts—Light Oil Found in Deep Sand East of the Humble Field, and a Good Well Brought in at Spindletop Constitute Extensions of Those Two Fields. Five Cargoes of Refinery Products Loaded at Port Arthur for Export. Summary for the Month.

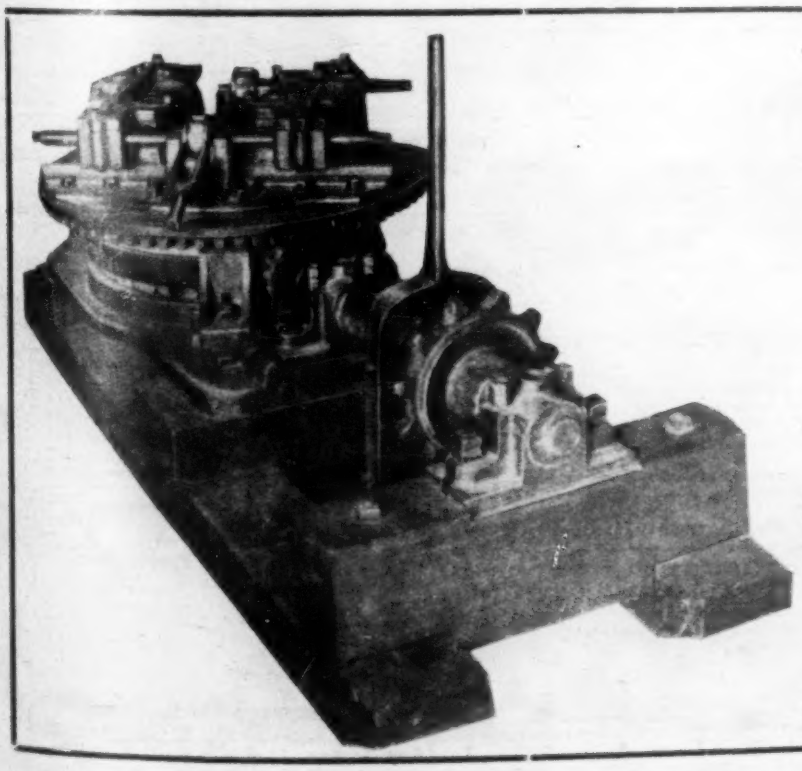
January developed no important change in the situation in the Texas-Louisiana oil fields. Efforts on the part of agitators to cause a strike of workmen at Humble and in the other districts proved abortive. The importance of the incident was magnified in the press dispatches. Things are running along as usual in the various fields, and the only sufferers are the men who quit their jobs. Others were put to work immediately, and operations proceeded without any interruption worthy of mention.

Nothing of especial interest was reported during the month from the tests in new territory. Davis Hill and Hoskins Mound are in the limelight. Very promising formations have been encountered at Davis Hill, but no production has been obtained. Hoskins Mound is shrouded in mystery, but it is known that some sort of a well has been completed, and operators look for a field there. One company owns all the land for miles around the development, and apparently it is in no hurry to show its hand.

Humble is credited with 402,200 barrels production during the month, against 595,938 barrels in December. The daily output is down to 13,500 barrels, a decline of 6,500 barrels in thirty-one days. Jennings got up past the 26,000-barrel mark about the middle of the month, but was not making more than 19,300 barrels on the 31st. The January output of this field was 693,200 barrels, against 596,624 barrels in December. The rail movement from Jennings loading points amounted to 639,820 barrels and the movement by pipe line and barge to the Mississippi river, 204,000 barrels, or a total of 843,820 barrels, which indicates that stocks in this district were drawn on to the extent of about 150,000 barrels. The completion of the Texas Company's pipe line to the Kansas City Southern railroad at Lake Charles this month will provide another outlet for Jennings oil, and will doubtless be the means of further increasing the movement.

The gross production of the Texas-Louisiana districts in January is figured at 1,850,600 barrels, against 1,913,303 barrels in December.

Rail shipments of crude from Texas points in January amounted to 542,339 barrels, against 520,995 barrels in December, and port shipments were 405,042 barrels, against 484,261 barrels in December. The movement of refinery products from Port Arthur and Sabine during the month amounted to 393,745 barrels, against 448,474 barrels in December. Five cargoes were loaded for export during the last week of the month, three by the Gulf Refining Comapny—the SS. Rocklight with 8,950 barrels of solar oil and 15,901 barrels of reduced crude for Dover,



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England; the SS. Oural with 20,629 barrels of lubricating oil for Rouen and Antwerp, Belgium, and the SS. Turbo, with 31,417 barrels of reduced crude for Dover, England—and two by the Texas Company, the SS. Balakani with 22,098 barrels of solar oil and 25,662 barrels of refined oil for Manchester, England, and the SS. Harry Wadsworth with 21,266 barrels of liquid fuel for Birkenhead, England. The five cargoes aggregated 135,923 barrels.

Field operations in January showed little change from the December record. Forty-one wells were completed, against 39 in December, but only 26 were producers; sixty-five wells were drilling on January 31, being the same number drilling on December 31, and fourteen rigs were up, against 18 on December 31.

Extensions of both the Humble and Spindletop fields were successfully effected in January, and there is a prospect that the Bass deep well, northeast from the old development at Sour Lake, will be completed a producer. At Humble, the Burt-McGaffey well, three-quarters of a mile east of the Texas Company's pump station, has been completed below 2,000 feet, and at last accounts was flowing from 250 to 300 barrels of 26 gravity oil. It is understood that thirty-six feet of oil formation was penetrated in this well at a depth exceeding 2,025 feet.

At Spindletop the Nelson-Gordon well on the Trembly tract in Block 26, about 500 feet north of the nearest producer, has been completed and shows for 200 barrels—probably the best new well Spindletop has seen in fifteen months. The oil is 24 gravity.

The market for the lighter grades of Southeast Texas crude has not been affected by the cut of five cents on heavy oil, which took place early in January. Spindletop crude shows increasing strength in the matter of price, February contracts being made at 54 cents, which is an increase of two cents over the January figure. Batson light oil is bringing 40 cents on contracts this month, and Sour Lake 45 cents. Humble contracts remain at 35 cents, the figure which went into effect about January 15.

NO NEW WELLS AT DAYTON.

No producing wells were completed at Dayton in January. The Sun Company's Quintette No. 3, which is classed as a drilling well, has been shut down at 752 feet, several days past. Brooks and Bell's West Liberty No. 1 is drilling at 725 feet in rock. Production at Dayton is about 400 barrels.

SUMMARY FOR JANUARY

Production of Southeast Tex. Districts.

	Bbls. Dec. 31.	Bbls. Jan. 31.
Dayton	500	400
Batson	9,199	9,085
Saratoga	5,439	5,645
Sour Lake	6,735	7,335
Humble	20,000	13,500
Spindletop	3,400	3,200
Total	45,273	39,165

Decrease Jan. 31, 6,108 barrels.

Production of the Jennings District.

	Dec. 31. Bbls.	Jan. 31. Bbls.
Flowing and pumping wells	20,000	19,300

Decrease, Jan. 31, 700 barrels.

Port Shipments Texas Oil in January.

	Bbls
Crude	405,042
Other grades	393,745
Total	798,787
Daily average crude shipments	13,066
Daily average other grades	12,701

Railroad Shipments of Southeast Texas Oil in January.

Houston East & West Texas.

Loading Point.	Cars.	Bbls.
Humble	859	230,728

Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe.

Loading Point.	Cars.	Bbls.
Saratoga	318	71,401
Beaumont	29	5,943

Kansas City Southern.

Loading Point.	Cars.	Bbls.
Beaumont crude	21	4,500

Southern Pacific.

Loading Point.	Cars.	Bbls.
Sour Lake	178	54,450
Gladys (Spindletop)	4	1,082
Beaumont	None.	

International & Great Northern.

Loading Point.	Cars.	Bbls.
Trice (Texas Company).	781	174,235

All Crude Shipments by Rail.

Loading Point.	Cars.	Bbls.
H. E. & W. T.	859	230,728
Southern Pacific	182	55,532
G., C. & S. F.	347	77,344
K. C. S.	21	4,500
I. & G. N.	781	174,235
Total	2,190	542,339

Daily average rail movement	17,495
Daily average port movement	13,066
Total daily average movement	30,561

Railroad Shipments of Jennings Oil in January.

Loading Point.	Cars.	Bbls.
Jennings station	1,937	414,849
Mermentau	691	153,475
Egan	263	71,496
Total	2,891	639,820

Deliveries of Jennings Crude to Plaquemine in January.

	Bbls.
By pipe line and barges	204,000
Railroad movement Jennings oil	639,820
Total movement	843,820
Daily average movement Jennings crude	27,220
Daily average movement Texas crude	30,561
Total daily average movement	57,781
Total crude movement for the month from Texas-Louisiana districts, barrels	1,791,201

WELL SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

Wells Completed.

	Comp.	Prod.	Dry.	Aban.
Humble	15	10	5	15
Dayton	1	0	1	0
Batson	8	8	0	0
Saratoga	4	2	2	0
Sour Lake	9	4	4	3
Spindletop	1	1	2	2
Jennings	3	1	2	2
Totals	41	26	16	22

Wells Drilling.

	Dec. 31.	Jan. 31.
Humble	36	41
Dayton	2	2
Batson	6	3
Saratoga	4	2
Sour Lake	9	10
Spindletop	3	4
Jennings	5	3
Total	65	65

Rigs Up.

	Dec. 31.	Jan. 31.
Humble	11	7
Dayton	0	0
Batson	1	0
Saratoga	1	1
Sour Lake	0	3
Spindletop	2	2
Jennings	3	1
Totals	18	14

Estimates of Monthly Production.

District.	*December.	January.
Dayton	16,441	13,000
Batson	245,859	273,000
Saratoga	154,996	168,500
Sour Lake	213,744	201,500
Humble	595,938	402,200
Spindletop	89,701	99,200
Jennings	596,624	693,200
Totals	1,913,303	1,850,600

*Actual.

Movement and Estimated Consumption.

	Bbls.
Rail and port shipments	1,791,201
Refinery Consumption	600,000
Field consumption	60,000
Total	2,451,201

CRUDE PRICES.

Quotations on Credit Balances as Posted by the Pipe Lines.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company.

	November 4	17	23	January 4	10
Sour Lake, lgt.	40	..	..	41	39
Sour Lake, heavy	32	..	..	..	..
Saratoga	34	..	36	32	30
Batson, light	35	..	..	..	33
Batson, heavy	34	..	..	31	29
Spindletop	45	..	..	..	..
Humble	34	36	..	33	..

Where no figures are given the price remains unchanged.

The Texas Company.

	Oct. 19	24	Nov. 2	4	Jan. 10
Sour Lake	39	42	44	41	39
Saratoga	33	35	..	32	30
Batson	32	34	..	31	29
Humble	33	36	38	33	33

Where no figures are given the price remains unchanged.

Above prices do not include loading, storage or other charges on oil shipped by tank car.

Contract prices, for oil at the wells, from 2 to 10 cents above credit quotations.

Eastern Prices.

Pennsylvania	$1.54
Second sand	1.58
Fiona	1.68
Corning	1.10
New Castle	1.35
Cabell	1.18
North Lima	.94
South Lima	.89
Ragland	.55
Corsicana light	.85
Corsicana heavy	.50
Canada	1.34
Indiana	.89

Kansas and Territories.

32 gravity and over	.52
32 to 31 1-2 gravity	.49
31 1-2 to 31 gravity	.46
31 to 30 1-2 gravity	.43
30 1-2 to 30 gravity	.40
Heavy or fuel oil	.35

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Wells completed, 12; producing, 11; dry, 1; gas, 1; drilling, 2; rigs up, 5.

BURT-M'GAFFEY DEEP WELL EAST OF HUMBLE SHOWS LIGHT OIL—SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

The principal feature of interest in the Humble situation at the close of January was the development of 26 gravity oil in the Burt-McGaffey deep well, known as No. 3, at the north end of Block 19, on the Wheeler and Pickett farm in the Stevenson survey, about three-quarters of a mile due east of the Texas Company's pump station.

Oil and a heavy gas pressure were encountered at 2,000 feet, but the drill was sent down a hundred feet farther through shale and the hole will be finished at 2,100 feet. Some of those who have seen the well, say it will make a 300-barrel pumper of 26 gravity oil.

The first indications of gas and oil were developed on January 26 at about 2,000 feet. Drilling was continued with increased gas pressure until, on January 30, oil gushed over the derrick in heads, but the well settled down to about 300 barrels. Eighty-four feet and ten inches of strainer was set late the same day and bailing was begun. It was continued January 31, and the well again became erratic and gushed oil over the derrick.

Although the showing of the Burt-McGaffey well is considered excellent, there is considerable skepticism among the operators as to the stability of its production or whether further tests in that vicinity will develop a similar showing. The Burt-McGaffey people control 250 acres of the Stevens and have previously put down two holes. The first well was drilled about 1,200 feet north of No. 3 and was abandoned at 2,700 feet in shale and gumbo. The second hole was put down a short distance east of No. 3 and was completed last November at 1,800 feet and for some time produced a small quantity of oil adapted to lubricating purposes, being used on their own machinery and that of other operators in the field. The first test for an extension of territory, however, was made by T. H. Bass a short distance southeast of Burt-McGaffey No. 3. Nothing was developed down to 1,300 feet and the hole was abandoned. Burt-McGaffey have contracted for two derricks and will put down two more holes, but active operations will not begin until the condition of their No. 3 is more clearly determined.

The Hermann tract, consisting of 861 acres, lies between the 250 acres controlled by Burt-McGaffey and the old Humble field. The Devore Oil Company has leased twenty acres of this tract, the Landslide Oil Company twenty acres and the Producers Oil Company 821 acres. The Burt-McGaffey No. 3 is about 450 feet east of the east line of the Hermann tract.

The Producers Oil Company has a derrick up for No. 62, in the northeast corner of Block 5 in the Landslide of the Dunman, and will go after the deep sand. The Texas Company has a line to the Burt-McGaffey No. 3.

Heywood Oil Company No. 6, on the Weed tract, blew out on January 27 as a result of the shutting off of the fuel gas line by striking oil field workmen. The well was drilling at about 725 feet. The derrick, all machinery, 700 feet of six-inch and 170 feet of ten-inch pipe were swallowed up in the hole. Sid H. Keoughan, the contractor, bears the brunt of the loss, as the machinery was his. A committee of strikers visited Keoughan's rig on the morning of January 27 in an endeavor to induce Keoughan's men to quit their work. The crew knocked off at noon, but the pumps were kept going in order to overcome the gas pressure. Late that night the gas line feeding the boiler was shut off, depriving the pumps of steam, and before an oil line could be connected up the gas in the well got the upper hand and the blow-out resulted. That the gas line was cut by strikers is admitted by them. Keoughan's loss amounts to about $4,000, and as he has been up against some bad luck in the past two years, this new misfortune comes at a most inopportune time.

On January 31, the Humble field produced 13,500 barrels of oil, against 20,000 barrels on January 1. This record is in the face of 2,000 barrels of new production obtained during the month. The declining tendency in the old field is still apparent as a result of salt water and the natural falling off.

Fifteen wells were completed in January against twenty-two in December, a decrease for the month of seven wells. Forty-one wells were drilling on January 31, against thirty-six on December 31 and fifty on January 15, a decrease of nine compared with the latter date. There were nine new locations on January 31, this being the same as the January 15 record.

Field Statistics.

Fifteen wells were completed in the Humble field during the month of January—seven in the first half of the month and eight during the latter half. Three were dry, two salt water and ten producers, with a gross output of approximately 2,000 barrels. Following is the list:

Northwestern Oil Company, No. 4, Hermann, dry.
Producers Oil Company, No. 46, Landslide, dry.
Ninety-Nine Pumping Company, No. 9, Busch, dry.
Northwestern Oil Company, No. 8, Hermann, salt water.
Phoenix Oil Company, No. 6, Landslide, salt water.
Producers Oil Company, No. 26, Hargraves, 100 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 29, Fant and Fruend, 140 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 33, Moore 55 acres, 150 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 40, Milliken, 475 barrels.
Wood and Fondren, No. 2, Weed, 225 barrels.
F. D. Smith & Company, No. 2, Weed, 75 barrels.
Esperson, No. 6, Moore 4 acres, 300 barrels.
Back Development Company, Weed, (Dirty Dozen) 200 barrels.
Lone Acre Oil Company, No. 5, Weed, 255 barrels.
Simms and Farish, No. 2, Mason, 80 barrels.
Gross new production, estimated, 2000 barrels.

Wells Drilling.

Forty-one wells were drilling at Humble on January 31, as follows:

Producers Oil Company, No. 28, Adams.
Producers Oil Company, No. 37, Adams.
Producers Oil Company, No. 38, Adams.
Producers Oil Company, No. 36, Conway.
Producers Oil Company, No. 41, Sharp 4 acres.
Producers Oil Company, No. 42, Hirsch.
Producers Oil Company, No. 43, Hirsch.
Producers Oil Company, No. 44, Bailey 9 acres.
Producers Oil Company, No. 45, Adams.
Producers Oil Company, No. 47, Adams (shut down).
Producers Oil Company, No. 49, Bailey.
Producers Oil Company No. 50, Bering and Cortes.
Producers Oil Company, No. 51, Marjowitz.
Producers Oil Company, No. 52, Bering and Cortes.
Producers Oil Company, No. 53, Marjowitz.
Producers Oil Company, No. 54, Marjowitz.
Producers Oil Company, No. 55, Bailey.
Producers Oil Company, No. 56, Mason.
Producers Oil Company, No. 57, Barrett (blowing).
Producers Oil Company, No. 58, Fant and Fruend.
Producers Oil Company, No. 59, Hargraves.
Producers Oil Company, No. 61, Moore 5 acres.
Producers Oil Company, No. 23, Sharp 4 acres. Cable tools.
Ball and Carden, No. 2, Mason 140 acres.
Starlight Oil Company, No. 3, Holmes.
Simms and Farish, No. 1, Summers.
Big Hill Oil and Fuel Company, No. 10, Weed.
Granberry-Smith, No. 12, Hermann.
Granberry-Smith, No. 13, Hermann.
Granberry-Smith, No. 14, Hermann.
Ninety-Nine Pumping Company, No. 9, Busch. Cable tools.
Hamilton & Company, No. 1, Hirsch.
Wood and Underwood, No. 1, Busch.
Wood and Underwood, No. 2, Busch.
Devore Oil Company, No. 4, Landslide.
J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 1, Guffey 5 acres.
J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 1, Guffey 1 and 1-4 acres.
Northwestern Oil Company, No. 9, Hargraves.
Northwestern Oil Campany, No. 10, Jones of the Hermann.
John O'Neil, No. 11, Cherry.
Paraffine, No. 7, Weed.
Total number wells drilling, 41.

New Locations.

There were nine new locations on January 31, as follows:

Simms and Farish, No. 3, Mason.
Simms and Farish, No. 4, Mason.

Simms and Farish, No. 5, Mason.
Simms and Farish, No. 6, Mason.
Simms and Farish, No. 7, Mason.
Producers Oil Company, No. 39, Fant and Freund.
Producers Oil Company, No. 60, Dick 2 acres.
Producers Oil Company, No. 62, northeast corner of Block 5 on the Landslide of the the Dunman. For deep test. Derrick up.
Ninety-Nine Pumping Company, No. 8, Barrett 2 acres. Derrick up.
Total new locations, 9.

Wells Abandoned.

Following is a list of thirteen wells that were abandoned during the month of January:

Producers Oil Company, No. 16, Sharp 4 acres, dry.
Producers Oil Company, No. 18, Harrel 10 acres, dry.
Producers Oil Company, No. 31, Chicago-Texas, lost.
Producers Oil Company, No. 46, Landslide, dry.
Northwestern Oil Company, No. 4, Hermann, dry.
Northwestern Oil Company, No. 8, Hermann, salt water.
Phoenix Oil Company, No. 6, Cherry, salt water.
McKallip Brothers, No. 3, Blackshear, lost.
Drillers Oil Company, No. 2, Weed, lost.
W. W. Fondren, No. 5, Weed, lost.
Heywood Oil Company, No. 6, Weed, blow-out.
Moonshine-Drillers, No. 1, Dunman, dry.
Moonshine-Drillers, No. 3, Dunman, dry.
Total number abandoned, 13.

List of Producing Wells at Humble.

One hundred and thirteen wells were in the list of active producers at Humble on the last day of January, with an aggregate capacity estimated at 14,510 barrels. Several were shut down for various causes, and the actual output was not above 13,500 barrels. During the month, while some of the companies were putting in new men to take the places of the strikers, production dropped off at times, but things have resumed their normal condition, with no prospect of further interference. The list of producing wells, compiled by an Oil Investors' Journal man, up to January 31, with the approximate capacity of each, follows:

Producers Oil Company, No. 2, Dunman, 20 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 4, Dunman, 50 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 8, Harrel 10 acres, 340 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 9, Moore 100 acres, 445 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 10, Sharp 4 acres, 590 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 12, Harrel 10 acres, 750 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 13, Moore 100 acres, 190 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 17, Sharp 4 acres, 295 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 19, Harrel 10 acres, 250 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 20, Sharp 4 acres, 540 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 21, Moore 100 acres, 190 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 24, Sharp 4 acres, 220 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 22, Moore 100 acres, 220 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 26, Hargraves, 150 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 27, Sharp 4 acres, 60 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 29, Fant and Freund, 245 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 30, Bering and Cortes, 650 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 32, Hargraves, 150 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 33, Moore 500 acres, 145 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 34, Weed, 40 barrels.
Producers Oil Company, No. 40, Milliken 1 acre, 200 barrels.
Tenderfoot Oil Company, No. 2, strip 5, Weed, 20 barrels.
Northwestern Oil Company, No. 3, Hermann, 125 barrels.
Northwestern Oil Company, No. 6, Hermann, 75 barrels.
Harper and Hurst, No. 2, Wren, 35 barrels.
Starlight Oil Company, No. 1, Hermann, 40 barrels.
McKallip Brothers, No. 1, Blackshear, 150 barrels.
McKallip Brothers, No. 2, Blackshear, 200 barrels.
Landslide Oil Company, No. 3, Landslide 800 acres, 100 barrels.
Barkley, Flynn and Plunkett, Landslide, 20 barrels.
Moonshine, No. 24, Dannenbaum, 100 barrels.
Moonshine-Crosby, No. 33, Weed, 30 barrels.
Producers-Hughes, No. 1, Dannenbaum, 20 barrels.
Esperson, No. 3, Cherry, 25 barrels.
Esperson, No. 4, Moore 4 acres, 100 barrels.
Esperson, No. 5, Moore 4 acres, 200 barrels.
Esperson, No. 6, Moore 4 acres, 800 barrels.
Wood and Fondren, No. 2, Cherry, 35 barrels.
Wood and Fondren, No. 2, Weed, 255 barrels.
Lone Acre Oil Company, No. 1, Weed, 50 barrels.
Lone Star Oil Company, No. 4, Weed, 250 barrels.
Lone Acre Oil Company, No. 5, Weed, 75 barrels.
Smith and Johnson, No. 1, Finley Smith, 250 barrels.
Burt-McGaffey, No. 1, Stevenson, 50 barrels.
Dean, No. 6, 50 barrels.
Dean, No. 7, 75 barrels.
Dean, No. 8, 15 barrels.
Higgins Oil and Fuel Company, No. 3, Weed, 75 barrels.
Higgins Oil and Fuel Company, No. 9, Weed, 75 barrels.
Higgins Oil and Fuel Company, No. 6, Weed, 35 barrels.
Higgins Oil and Fuel Company, No. 8, Weed, 25 barrels.
Heywood Oil Company, No. 1, Weed, 155 barrels.
Heywood Oil Company, No. 5, Weed, 105 barrels.
Guffey-Crosbie, No. 5, Weed, 105 barrels.
Guffey-Crosbie, No. 6, Weed, 50 barrels.
Bass Special, No. 3, Weed, 300 barrels.
F. D. Smith & Co., No. 1, Weed, 55 barrels.
F. D. Smith & Co., No. 2, Weed, 50 barrels.
Black Development Company (Dirty Dozen), Weed, 250 barrels.
National Oil and Pipe Line Co., No. 2, Cherry, 20 barrels.
Little & Mitchell, No. 1, Weed, 40 barrels.
Little & Mitchell, No. 2, Weed, 30 barrels.
Little & Mitchell, No. 3, Weed, 30 barrels.
Big Hill Oil and Fuel Company, No. 1, Weed, 100 barrels.
Big Hill Oil and Fuel Company, No. 3, Weed, 200 barrels.
Big Hill Oil and Fuel Company, No. 4, Weed, 65 barrels.
Big Hill Oil and Fuel Company, No. 5, Weed, 150 barrels.
Big Hill Oil and Fuel Company, No. 6, Weed, 150 barrels.
Big Hill Oil and Fuel Company, No. 7, Weed, 275 barrels.
Morning Star Oil Company, No. 1, Holmes, 30 barrels.
Oyama Oil Company, No. 1, Cherry, 25 barrels.
Osborne Brothers, No. 1, Cherry 25 barrels.
John O'Neil, No. 8, Cherry, 30 barrels.
John O'Neil, No. 9, Cherry, 30 barrels.
John O'Neil, No. 10, Cherry, 300 barrels.
Wood & Underwood, No. 1, Brooks, 175 barrels.
Simms & Armstrong, No. 5, Cherry, 20 barrels.
Swayne & Underwood, No. 4, Cherry, 20 barrels.
Swayne & Underwood, No. 5, Cherry, 40 barrels.
East Texas Oil Company, No. 2, Cherry, 145 barrels.
Devore Oil Company, No. 2, Dunman, 200 barrels.
Barrett Oil Company, No. 3, Barrett 10 acres, 40 barrels.
Edgar Oil Company, No. 1, Long, 25 barrels.
Edgar Oil Company, No. 3, Long, 30 barrels.
Lake Development Company, No. 1, De Merritt, 15 barrels.
Lake Development Company, No. 2, Weed, 75 barrels.
Tomlinson and others, No. 1, Weed, 100 barrels.
Esperson & Swayne, No. 1, Moore 5 acres, 150 barrels.
Simms & Farish, No. 2, Simms 140 acres, 80 barrels.
W. W. Fondren, No. 1, Weed, 30 barrels.
W. W. Fondren, No. 2, Weed, 20 barrels.
W. W. Fondren, No. 3, Weed, 20 barrels.
W. W. Fondren, No. 4, Weed, 25 barrels.
W. W. Fondren, No. 5, Weed, 200 barrels.
Brooks & Co., No. 5, Brooks 10 acres, 20 barrels.
Brooks & Co., No. 6, Brooks 10 acres, 20 barrels.
Brooks & Co., No. 8, Brooks 10 acres, 20 barrels.
Granberry-Smith, No. 2, Hermann, 25 barrels.
Granberry-Smith, No. 3, Hermann, 255 barrels.
Granberry-Smith, No. 4, Hermann, 25 barrels.
Granberry-Smith, No. 6, Hermann, 30 barrels.
Granberry-Smith, No. 7, Hermann, 25 barrels.
Granberry-Smith, No. 9, Hermann, 20 barrels.
Granberry-Smith, No. 10, Hermann, 50 barrels.
Granberry-Smith, No. 11, Hermann, 600 barrels.
Paraffine, No. 1, Weed, 25 barrels.
Paraffine, No. 2, Weed, 30 barrels.
Paraffine, No. 3, Weed, 20 barrels.
Hoge-Guffey, No. 2, DeMerritt, 15 barrels.
Moonshine-Drillers, No. 2, Dunman, 25 barrels.
Moonshine-Drillers, No. 4, Dunman, 50 barrels.
Devore Oil Company, No. 1, Dunman, 175 barrels.
Total, 113 wells. Approximate capacity, 14,510 barrels.

HEYWOOD OIL COMPANY INSTALLING AN AIR COMPRESSOR PLANT.

The Heywood Oil Company has installed the first of two air compressors that it will use in operating its wells in the Jennings field whenever they refuse to flow naturally. Each machine has a capacity of 550 cubic feet of air per minute at 550 pounds pressure. They are of Laidlaw-Dunn-Gordon make and weigh 36,000 pounds apiece, being of the heaviest variety in use in the Gulf Coast oil fields. A. M. Lockett & Company, of New Orleans, with an agency at Houston, furnished the compressors.

A deep well is being drilled at Caney, Kansas. At a depth of 2,540 feet the cable broke at the rope socket and left the tools fast in the hole. So far the well has cost about $17,000 or nearly $7 a foot. Drilling must be pretty expensive out in Kansas.—Oil City Derrick.

DETAILED SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS IN THE SARATOGA DISTRICT.

At the close of January the output of the Saratoga field remained practically unchanged, the estimated gross production being 5,645 barrels against 5,618 barrels on January 15.

Four wells were completed during the month -two water wells and two small pumpers, as follows:

M. H. Terry, Young acre, water well.

Houston Oil Company, on the edge of Saratoga townsite, water. An attempt to develop the shallow sand will be made.

Iowa-Beaumont Oil Company, north edge of field, small pumper of 16 gravity oil.

Producers No. 1 about 2000 feet east of proven field, pumper, heavy oil.

Two wells were drilling at the close of the month, one by the Britton Oil Company on the Hooks farm, down about 1,200 feet, and J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company No. 3 on the B. B. & C. lease.

One rig was up on January 31—Rio Bravo No. 223 near the Cole Oil Company's lease.

Sixty-five wells were producing on January 31 with an estimated gross output of 5,645 barrels, divided as follows:

International Oil Company, five wells, 325 barrels.

Kennedy on the Little Jap lease, four wells, 390 barrels.

Union Petroleum Company, one well, 20 barrels.

Britton Oil Company, three wells, 535 barrels.

Cole Oil Company, one well, 130 barrels.

Sun Oil Company, one well, 75 barrels.

Santa Fe, five wells, 215 barrels.

Moonshine, Petty lease, one well, 100 barrels.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, sixteen wells, 1,290 barrels.

Producers Oil Company, seven wells, 1,090 barrels.

Rio Bravo, twenty wells, 1,425 barrels.

Iowa-Beaumont Oil Company, one well, 50 barrels.

The foregoing is summarized in detail as follows:

International Oil Company, No. 1, Wiess farm, 20 barrels.

International Oil Company, No. 2, Wiess farm, 150 barrels.

International Oil Company, No. 3, Wiess farm, 55 barrels.

International Oil Company, No. 4, Wiess farm, 35 barrels.

International Oil Company, No. 5, Wiess farm, 65 barrels.

Little Jap Oil Company (Kennedy), No. 1, Crawford lease, 30 barrels.

Little Jap Oil Company (Kennedy), No. 1, Work farm, 105 barrels.

Little Jap Oil Company (Kennedy), No. 1, D. J. Petty lease, 145 barrels.

Little Jap Oil Company (Kennedy), No. 1, Queen City lease, 110 barrels.

Union Petroleum Company, No. 1, Block 5, Mary E. Hopkins survey, 20 barrels.

Britton Oil Company, No. 1, Block 3, Jordit, 75 barrels.

Britton Oil Company, No. 2, Block 3, Jordit, 305 barrels.

Britton Oil Company, No. 3, Block 3, Jordit, 155 barrels.

Cole Oil Company, No. 1, Young acre, 130 barrels.

Sun Oil Company, No. 3, Petty five acres, 75 barrels.

Santa Fe, No. 1b, Santa Fe farm, 45 barrels.

Santa Fe, No. 3, Santa Fe farm, 75 barrels.

Santa Fe, No. 4, Santa Fe farm, 35 barrels.

Santa Fe, No. 5, Santa Fe farm, 35 barrels.

Santa Fe, No. 9, Santa Fe farm, 25 barrels.

Moonshine, No. 4, V. A. Petty lease, 100 barrels.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 1, Teal acre, 50 barrels.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 2, Teal acre, 15 barrels.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 4, Teal acre, 20 barrels.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 5, Block 6, 20 barrels.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 1, Harrington lease, 35 barrels.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 3, Harrington lease, 125 barrels.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 5, Harrington lease, 35 barrels.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 1, Brice half acre, 30 barrels.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 2, Greer acre, 205 barrels.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 3, Greer acre, 50 barrels.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 4, Greer acre, 135 barrels.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 1, Block 39, Jordit, 45 barrels.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 1, Cotton lease, 135 barrels.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 1, B. B. and C. lease, 150 barrels.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 2, B. B. and C. lease, 210 barrels.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 14, 30 barrels.

Producers Oil Company, No. 2, Wiess farm, 255 barrels.

Producers Oil Company, No. 3, Wiess farm, 305 barrels.

Producers Oil Company, No. 1, Alvey farm, 65 barrels.

Producers Oil Company, No. 1, Little Jap lease, 105 barrels.

Producers Oil Company, No. 1, east of field, 30 barrels.

Producers Oil Company, No. 2, Little Jap lease, 75 barrels.

Producers Oil Company, No. 5, Wiess farm, 255 barrels.

Rio Bravo, No. 200, Rio Bravo farm, 35 barrels.

Rio Bravo, No. 201, Rio Bravo farm, 20 barrels.

Rio Bravo, No. 202, Rio Bravo farm, 35 barrels.

Rio Bravo, No. 203, Rio Bravo farm, 50 barrels.

Rio Bravo, No. 204, Rio Bravo farm, 25 barrels.

Rio Bravo, No. 205, Rio Bravo farm, 15 barrels.

Rio Bravo, No. 207, Rio Bravo farm, 55 barrels.

Rio Bravo, No. 209, Rio Bravo farm, 10 barrels.

Rio Bravo, No. 211, Rio Bravo farm, 65 barrels.

Rio Bravo, No. 212, Rio Bravo farm, 55 barrels.

Rio Bravo, No. 213, Rio Bravo farm, 55 barrels.

Rio Bravo, No. 215, Rio Bravo farm, 105 barrels.

Rio Bravo, No. 216, Rio Bravo farm, 115 barrels.

Rio Bravo, No. 217, Rio Bravo farm, 135 barrels.

Rio Bravo, No. 219, Rio Bravo farm, 65 barrels.

Rio Bravo, No. 220, Rio Bravo farm, 115 barrels.

Rio Bravo, No. 221, Rio Bravo farm, 35 barrels.

Rio Bravo, No. 222, Rio Bravo farm, 255 barrels.

Rio Bravo, No. 225, Rio Bravo farm, 60 barrels.

Rio Bravo, No. 226, Rio Bravo farm, 120 barrels.

Iowa-Beaumont Oil Company, 1 well, 50 barrels.

Total number wells producing, 65. Gross output estimated, 5,645 barrels.

Rio Bravo No. 205, which appears in the summary of producing wells, credited with a production of 15 barrels daily, is the oldest well in the Saratoga field. It was brought in a 15-barrel pumper about three years ago and has maintained that output ever since.

The Little Jap Oil Company No. 1 on the Mrs. Work farm credited in the summary with 100 barrels, made an average of about 300 barrels during December.

Twenty-five wells have been abandoned in the Saratoga field. Eighteen were dry, four water wells, and three were gas wells. Four are credited to the Rio Bravo, eight to the J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, two to the Santa Fe, two to the Moonshine, one to the Producers and eight to other operators. Following is a detailed summary:

Rio Bravo, No. 206, Rio Bravo farm. Dry.

Rio Bravo, No. 208, Rio Bravo farm. Dry.

Rio Bravo, No. 214, Rio Bravo farm. Dry.

Rio Bravo, No. 218, Rio Bravo farm. Dry.

Producers Oil Company, No. 1, Wiess farm. Dry.

Moonshine, No. 1, Houk. Dry.

Moonshine, No. 3, Wiess farm. Dry.

Santa Fe, No. 1, Santa Fe farm. Water well.

Santa Fe, No. 12, Santa Fe farm. Gasser.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Teal (southeast)). Dry.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 2, Harrington lease. Dry.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 7, Harrington lease.. Dry.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 7, Block 9. Dry.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 1, Vandervoort. Water.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, No. 1, Greer acre. Gas.

Sun Company, No. 1, Mary E. Hopkins lease. Gas.

Sun Company, No. 2, Block 31, Petty lease. Dry.

Buffalo Oil Company, No. 1, Harrington lease. Water.

John O'Neil, No. 1, Harrington lease. Water.

Boynton Oil Company, No. 1, Boynton farm. Dry.

T. H. Bass, No. 1, Mary E. Hopkins. Dry.

Seaboard Oil Company, No. 1, Petty lease. Dry.

Ben Andrews, No. 1, Petty lease. Dry.

Total number wells abandoned, 25.

The J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company has completed the erection of a twenty-car loading rack at Saratoga station, paralleling the racks of the Texas Company. The pipe line has been connected with the rack.

The Rio Bravo pipe line to Sour Lake has been completed and considerable oil is going through it to the Southern Pacific rack at Sour Lake. The oil is being loaded for the Southern Pacific's own use.

J. M. Guffey No. 1, on the Greer acre, appearing in the list of abandoned wells, was the first gusher brought in at Saratoga with an estimated output of about 10,000 barrels. This production, however, was maintained for only three weeks, when the output began to decline, continuing until the well was finally abandoned. One of the Producers wells on the Wiess farm has paid the owner of the one-eighth royalty $22,000 in a little more than a year. This means that the total value of the well's output at credit balance prices has exceeded $175,000.

Most of Saratoga's production tests 18.3 to 18.5 gravity. One well on the Little Jap is producing a small quantity of 15 gravity oil—so heavy that it will not run in the line.

BASS BUYS THE MORSE OIL COMPANY'S PROPERTY AT JENNINGS—FIELD SUMMARY.

T. H. Bass has purchased the holdings of the Morse Oil Company in the Jennings field, including leases on six and one-half acres of land in the proven field, twelve wells, of which eight are producing about 2,000 barrels a day, and all equipment, boilers, pumping rigs and earthen storage tanks. About 300,000 barrels of oil in the company's ground reservoirs will be retained by the Morse people. The consideration is not named, but it is understood that part of the payment is to be made in the oil produced from the Morse wells. The Morse Company brought in the first gusher in the deep sand on the Arnaudet tract in July, 1904, marking the beginning of development to the southeast.

A summary of the Jennings field on January 31 showed three wells drilling and three wells drilling deeper. The Crowley Oil & Mineral Company, the Heywood Oil Company and the Jennings-Heywood Oil Syndicate are the companies drilling new wells. The Chicago-Jennings Company, the Crowley Oil & Mineral Company and the Producers Oil Company are drilling wells deeper.

Producers No. 6, on the Martin farm, Morse Oil Company No. 14 and the Higgins Oil & Fuel Company well were completed during the month. The Producers well gushed for a few hours and was put on air and is making about 2,000 barrels. The Morse well did not gush, but has been put on the pump. The Higgins wild-cat well shows up a great deal of gas and a coloring of oil, but salt water got in somewhere and an effort is being made to shut it out.

The H. C. Wilkins wild-cat well is down 2,000 feet. Drilling has stopped and the well is being bailed without a screen to see if there is any showing of oil.

The Producers-Latreille No. 6, as reported in the mid-month summary, was a salt water well, and as yet the effort to pack it off has not been successful.

The production up to the morning of January 31 was 16,800 barrels, but later in the day the Rex well, which had been dead for some days, was brought back in, making about 2,500 barrels and bringing it up temporarily to 19,300 barrels.

The production for the month was 693,200 barrels. The increase was due to the reviving as a gusher of the Heywood Oil Company No. 4.

There were twenty-six wells pumping, five wells operated by air and five flowing on January 31.

The new six-inch line of the Texas Company to Lake Charles has been delayed for want of pipe and has been completed for a distance of twenty-five miles. It is expected that the line will be ready for oil about February 20.

Following is a summary of the field by companies:

Crowley Oil and Mineral Company—six wells pumping and two operated by air. Daily production 1500 barrels; for the month 65,000 barrels. Drilling No. 18, down 1000 feet.

Evangeling Oil Company—One well pumping, two operated by air. Daily production 2000 barrels; for the month 54,000 barrels.

Heywood Oil Company—Two wells flowing. Daily capacity 5000 barrels; for the month 192,400 barrels. Drilling No. 1 on the Crowley lease.

Morse Oil Company—One well flowing, seven wells pumping. Daily production 2100 barrels; for the month 49,600 barrels. Derrick started for No. 15 well.

The Watkins Company—One well flowing and one pumping. Daily production 1500; barrels; for the month 87,000 barrels.

J. B. Tierce—No production on January 31; for the month 8000 barrels. Tierce holdings reverted to the Jennings Heywood Oil Syndicate.

G. B. Zigler—Three wells pumping. Daily production 450 barrels; for the month 14,200 barrels.

Kneipp Water Well Company—No production on January 31; for the month 32,000 barrels.

Rex Oil Company—No production on January 31; for the month 47,200 barrels.

Producers Oil Company—Four wells pumping and one operated by air. Daily production 2600 barrels; for the month 90,000 barrels. Drililing Clement No. 1 deeper.

Jennings Oil Company—Three wells pumping. Daily production 100 barrels; for the month 3000 barrels.

Jennings-Heywood Oil Syndicate—One well flowing and one pumping. Daily production 2000 barrels; for the month 65,000 barrels. Drilling No. 6 well on the fee simple. Down 1000 feet.

ANSE LA BUTTE PIPE LINE TO BAYOU TECHE ABOUT COMPLETED.

A four-inch pipe line from Anse la Butte to Breaux Bridge on the Bayou Teche, a distance of two and one-half miles, is about completed. The Heywood Brothers Oil Corporation and the Lake Oil Company are joint owners of the line, and not the Heywood Corporation individually as indicated in a previous number of the Journal. Completion of the line will enable the owners to deliver oil to barges on the bayou and to cars on the Arnoldville branch of the Soutnern Pacific Railroad. Breaux Bridge has donated 10 arpents (8 acres) for terminal facilities.

Walter J. Burke, president of the Lake Oil Company, and W. Scott Heywood, president and general manager of the Heywood Brothers Oil Corporation, are the representatives of the two companies in the management of the line. Mr. Heywood will move his office from Lafayette to Breaux Bridge, which will be the pipe line headquarters.

The first shipment of oil through the line will be about 12,000 barrels, that amount being sold at 50 cents f. o. b. barges on the Bayou Teche.

Field Notes.

Lake Oil Company, No. 3, is down 1,075 feet in hard rock.

Heywood Brothers Corporation, No. 8, rigging up, and readey to begin drilling.

Heywood Brothers Corporation, No. 7, on the pump. Small production.

Louisiana Company, rigging up, and about ready to begin drilling.

Moresi No. 3 had a number of twist-offs, but still drilling.

The J. M. Gufffey Petroleum Company has secured the John Lewis tract of 250 arpents (187 acres) and will begin operations within sixty days.

CONDITIONS NOT SO FAVORABLE, BUT MARKET IS STRONGER THAN A YEAR AGO.

The following appeared in the Oil Investors' Journal of January 1, 1905:

Indications point to a year of cheap prices in the Texas-Louisiana districts. With more than 4,000,000 barrels on top of the ground at Jennings and excellent prospects of new producing territory at several points in Texas and Louisiana it is difficult to see how the fuel market during 1905 can attain any of the strength it had in the winter of 1902-3 and in the fall of 1903, unless the port movement is heavier than it has been in past years.

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The line that divides crude which is fit only for fuel use and crude that is desirable for refining will be more clearly drawn this year than it has heretofore. It is probable that the refineries will continue to pay a fair price—from 40 to 44 cents—for the lighter product of the Batson and Sour Lake fields, even though the fuel oil market should go much lower.

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The operators who want good prices for their oil this year will go after the deep sands, which, as a rule, produce the lighter oil.

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The foregoing, written thirteen months ago, was prophetic. Last year was a good one from the standpoint of the fuel oil consumer. It was not a prosperous one, as a rule, for the producer of heavy oil, but the operator with light oil to sell found little to complain of in the market for his product.

Stocks of heavy, or fuel oil, in open earthen tanks were increased by nearly 5,000,000 barrels during the year, and the close of 1905 found 9,000,000 barrels in ground storage at Jennings and Humble, against 4,000,000 barrels at Jennings at the close of 1904. Humble was not developed until January, 1905.

Despite the accumulation of oil in storage, amounting to more than 20,000,000 barrels on January 1, 1906, prices are better all along the line than they were on January 1, 1905, when the stocks of oil amounted to some 7,000,000 barrels less. On January 1, 1905, credit balance prices were as follows: Batson, 30 cents; Sour Lake and Saratoga, 32 cents; Beaumont, 37 cents. On January 1, 1906, the highest credit balance quotations were: Batson light, 35 cents, heavy, 34 cents; Sour Lake light, 44 cents, heavy, 32 cents; Saratoga, 35 cents; Spindletop, 52 cents. The price of oil

has been cut since the first of the present year from one to five cents, excepting on Spindletop crude, which is in demand for refinery purposes.

Instead of an increase in port shipments of Texas oil in 1905, there was a decrease of 1,343,981 barrels, compared with 1904, when the movement amounted to 7,939,687 barrels. This should have proved a further depressing influence on the market, but apparently it did not.

As foretold in the Journal of January 1, 1905, the line between the heavy and light grades of crude was more distinctly drawn last year, and the distinction will probably be emphasized this year. Crude testing 22 gravity or better, excepting the Jennings product, is in demand for refining. Spindletop, Sour Lake and Batson furnish the most desirable light oil. Humble, Batson, Saratoga and Jennings supply the heavy crude that goes to the fuel consumers.

It is very difficult at this time to make a forecast of the crude market in the Texas-Louisiana fields in 1906. The large stocks of heavy crude above ground, the prospect of new production, and other considerations, serve to keep the heavy oil market from showing any tendency toward bouyancy. However, there is no reason to believe that the market for light oil, and especially the Spindletop product, will be weakened, unless a new pool of light crude is developed. The prediction has recently been made that Spindletop oil will go to 60 cents before summer.

The next two months probably will determine the status of the Texas-Louisiana crude market for the remainder of the year.

CUT IN PRICE OF HEAVY OIL AFFECTS NEW WORK AT BATSON.

Production at Batson has not varied appreciably during the past month, the average being about 9,000 barrels. The cut of five cents a barrel on heavy oil, making the credit balance price 29 cents, has put a damper on operations in the new or west side of the field. No locations had been made on January 31.

During the month, eight wells were completed, as follows:

Jack Ennis, on the Milhome, 200 barrels.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, two on the Wing, respectively 150 and 175 barrels.

Christian Brothers, one on the Parrafine 30 acres, 50 barrels.

Ada Belle Oil Company on the Ada Belle, 70 barrels.

Meehan & Ferguson on the Milhome, 150 barrels.

Heywood Oil Company on the Heywood, 150 barrels.

Pat Barkley's No. 2 on the Maryellen lease, 175 barrels.

Three wells were drilling on January 31, as follows:

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J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, near the boiler house, south side of the field.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, north side of the field, near the Heywood property.

Cavitt Oil Company, on the King Tract, northwest part of the field.

Two wells are being deepened, one by the Higgins Oil & Fuel Company, on the east side, and one by the Paraffine Oil Company near its first well.

THE TEXAS COMPANY LEASES THE EVANGELINE REFINERY.

The Texas Company has leased the Evangeline Oil Company's refinery, located at Port Neches, on the Neches river. The plant was originally constructed at a cost of $550,000 and was the property of the Central Asphalt & Refining Company before it passed into the hands of the present owners.

The plant occupies 52 acres and is connected with the main line of the Kansas City Southern Railroad. It is equipped with docks on the river for loading barges and racks for loading cars for rail shipments. The capacity of the refinery is 2,000 barrels of crude oil a day. The plant includes four steel tanks of 37,500 barrels capacity each, three smaller steel tanks, three concrete underground reservoirs of 2,000 barrels capacity each, ten crude stills and sixteen convertors, of which eight are not in a finished condition; three warehouses 36x200 feet, two 540-horsepower Heine boilers, two engines, electric light plant, cooper shop, office building, nineteen workmen's houses, one manager's house, one switch engine, flat cars and a loading platform.

The refinery was built primarily for the purpose of manufacturing asphalt. The Texas Company will make additions and alterations and the plant will be used principally for making gas oil. A pipe line will be laid from the Texas Company station at Nederland, on the Kansas City Southern Railroad, to the refinery, and two lines will be laid to Port Arthur, one of which will be used for conveying the lighter products to be finished at the Texas Company's main refinery at Port Arthur. The Texas Company has the right to purchase the refinery at the expiration of the lease.

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OPERATIONS NOT AFFECTED TO ANY SERIOUS EXTENT BY STRIKERS.

The strike of the Oil and Gas Well Workers' Union against operators at Humble has given the daily press opportunity to display the same lack of ability to get at the facts as has been demonstrated from time to time in reports on current operations and developments in the oil fields. The manner in which the strike has been covered by some of the papers has disgusted most of the operators in the Humble field. Gross exaggeration in some instances, absurdities in others and a general freedom from knowledge of or insight into the true conditions have characterized various newspaper reports.

"Strike brings complete tie-up," "union standing as one man," "operators will be forced to give in," are expressions appearing in the daily news reports, when as a matter of fact the field has not been tied up, and instead of the union hanging together as one man, there has been evidence that a majority of the oil field workmen were not in sympathy with the movement.

The strike at Humble was started by a man who was discharged for just cause, and he happened to belong to the union, the cry of discrimination was made. This was kept alive by agitation on the part of the discharged man. When the operators refused to treat with committees from the union the strike was called against the Texas and Producers companies. A general strike in the Humble field followed, with a threat that if it was not effective a strike throughout all the oil fields would be enforced. As fast as the men quit, their places were filled by others who were glad to get work.

Three Texas State Rangers were sent to the field to guard the property of the companies. For two nights the field superintendents of the different companies remained on duty. Committees from the union visited the various plants that were in operation and endeavored to get the men to shut down. In some instances they were successful for a time and in others they failed. A masked striker visited the Sun Company's plant and shot up the telephone batteries. He was taken in tow by a ranger. Charges were preferred against him, but when the case came to trial a bunch of his friends gave testimony to prove an alibi. He was discharged.

At the close of the month the strike had practically been settled. All the plants are now in operation. Work was stopped on only a few wells. Operators say they have two men for every job.

TWO MORE STEAMSHIPS FOR CALIFORNIA OIL TRADE.

The Union Steamship Company of San Francisco, the marine end of the Union Oil Company of California, has purchased the American steamships Minnewaska and Minnetonka, which have been lying idle at South Brooklyn for more than a year, and will convert them into oil-tankers of 52,500 barrels capacity, each, at the Newport News shipyard. The Lansing, the Washtenaw and the Roma, now engaged in the Texas oil-carrying trade, are owned by the Union Steamship Company, but as they were purchased subject to the present charters they will remain in the Texas service probably for the balance of the year. When the Union Oil Company's plans are carried out, California oil will be conveyed by steamer to the Pacific end of the pipe line to be laid by the Union Company across the Isthmus of Panama. The oil will then be piped to the Atlantic seaboard and reloaded in tank steamers for transportation to Atlantic coast and foreign points. It is stated that it will require a year or more to complete the pipe line and put it into operation.

NEW NELSON-GORDON WELL AT SPINDLETOP IS A GOOD ONE.

The Nelson-Gordon well, on the Trembly tract, in Block 26, Spindletop, was completed and put on the pump on the afternoon of February 1, and shows for 200 to 300 barrels, being the best well brought in on the hill in more than a year. It is 878 feet deep and is farthest northwest extension of Spindletop. The oil is 24 gravity. Three locations have been made in this territory and active operations will soon transform it into the busiest portion of Spindletop, so far as new development is concerned.

Three thousand two hundred barrels is a conservative estimate of production at Spindletop on January 31. The Armstrong well near the Higgins pump station was the only completion during the month of January. It is making a small amount of oil.

A resume of operations at Spindletop on January 31 showed four wells drilling and three locations. Following is a summary of wells drilling:

Harry Fillman and others, in the flats on the west side of the Texas & New Orleans railroad, near the Security tank farm.

Moore and Schauman, on the Yellow Pine in block 4. Down about 600 feet. This hole adjoins the Davenport-McCarley well, which is a good producer.

T. H. Ball No. 2, directly south and adjoining block 30 of the Keith-Ward tract.

L. Solinsky, on the Hogg-Swayne, block 38.

Following is a list of new locations:

Bowles Brothers, about 75 east of J. C. Wilson No. 1, block 21, of the Gladys City tract. Derrick up.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, block 16, Gladys City, about 100 feet west of the old Bowles No. 2, now being operated by J. C. Wilson. Rigged and will begin drilling immediately.

Nelson-Gordon, block 26 of the Trembly, about 300 feet north of their No. 1. Lumber for derrick on the ground.

The J. C. Wilson No. 1, which was completed about a year ago, with no production, has been worked on for some time. A strainer was set in January 31. There is some hope that it will make a producer, as it is close to J. C. Wilson No. 2, making about 125 barrels and Bowles Brothers No. 1, producing about 100 barrels.

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS TESTS IN SOUTHEAST TEXAS.

It is reported from Hoskins Mound that efforts to complete the No. 3 well have been futile to date. The oil formation found in the No. 2 well between 500 and 600 feet was not encountered in the No. 3, according to information received, but a sand was penetrated two hundred feet lower down, and considerable gas was developed. There is oil in the No. 3 well, but just how much remains to be determined.

Davis Hill, twelve miles northwest of Batson, in Liberty County, continues to be the principal point of interest in prospective new territory. While the question of title in that district is critical, it has not been sufficient to check interest or entirely retard development. Two additional holes will be put down. Birmingham and Underwood and D. R. Beatty and associates are completing arrangements to make tests and active opera-

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tions probably will begin soon.

Work on the D. B. Cherry well on the Morrow farm is at a standstill, but the Reeves well and the Martin and Carden well are still going down, the former drilling in rock and the latter somewhat deeper.

Derrick is up and machinery on the ground for a test hole to be put down on Galveston Island on the Mott farm, about thirteen miles west of Galveston. Surface indications are said to be favorable.

A test well at Morgan's Point, across from LaPorte on the Gilliard farm, is down about 550 feet.

Drilling still continues in the Lufkin Oil Company's well, nine miles east of Lufkin, Texas. Down about 850 feet. Artesian water has been encountered.

The Fort Bend Oil, Gas & Mineral Company, drilling a test hole two miles from Fulshear, Texas, on the M., K. & T. Railroad, are down 900 feet in shale. The well is on what is known as Huntington's Mound.

Derrick lumber and machinery for a test hole on Rowan's ranch, ten miles south of Alvin, Texas, is arriving on the ground. The Brazoria Improvement Company, a French syndicate, are financing the venture. Ben C. Taber will put down the hole.

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OUTLOOK FOR REFINED OILS THIS YEAR.

The outlook for refined oils in 1906 is somewhat of a problem, and conditions will be shaped largely on the result of the efforts of the Russian refiners to regain the ground that they have lost. Recent reports as to progress made vary, but the most authentic seem to indicate that it will be some time yet before a normal state of affairs prevails.

The heavy drain on Ohio and Pennsylvania stocks of crude, from which the great bulk of refined oils is obtained, if long continued, will have its effect, both on refined and lubricating products, although Texas and Kansas refineries may offset to a certain extent the deficiency in supply of export oil, and will take care of the domestic demand in the west and southwest.

California will soon supply the refined requirements of the Pacific Coast thus releasing that consumption to help out the deficiency in the east.

The general impression seems to be that refined and lubricating oils will remain fairly firm in price.

The more volatile products of petroleum will probably advance owing to the increased demand for their use for producing power. The output of automobiles, gasoline engines, and gasoline lighting appliances is rapidly increasing, and the production of gasoline is not increasing in proportion. Texas and Kansas crudes produce but a small percentage and the bulk comes from Ohio and Pennsylvania grades.

The gasoline situation may, however, be disturbed to some extent in the east owing to importations of the Borneo product in bulk. Several cargoes have been brought into Philadelphia during the past two years, at prices that allow of competition with the home product.

Lubricating products will probably be in good demand owing to increased industrial activity, and prices will be maintained, with a prospect of an advance. Texas lubricating products are finding favor among consumers, and the demand will be increased when their excellent qualities are more generally known.

Residual products will probably hold their own. There is an increasing demand for solar oils for gas-making purposes, and for high test desulphurized fuel oils.

The general outlook is fairly bright and if no gusher fields of high grade oils are brought in, the market for refined products should not be disturbed.

OPINION ON THE WILLIAMS INTANGIBLE ASSETS LAW.

According to an opinion by Attorney General Davidson, pipe lines which are an adjunct to the business of Texas oil corporations, are not subject to the provisions of the Williams intangible assets law which seeks to tax pipe lines. They are, however, subject to the provisions of the Kennedy tax law, according to Mr. Davidson's ruling. The decision was rendered through request of Carlton & Proctor, attorneys for the J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, and upholds their contention with regard to the Williams law.

A SUBSCRIBER'S TERSE COMPLIMENT.

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A TWO MILLION BARREL GUSHER AND TWINS—WHAT MORE COULD DR. WILKINS WANT?

In his summary of field work and production for January, the Jennings correspondent of the Oil Investors' Journal, included the following note in his description of the operations of the Wilkins Company: "Twin girls born to Dr. A. C. Wilkins last night." Out of consideration for the young ladies, the editor eliminated the notice of their arrival from the Jennings field summary, but as the occurrence is too important to be overlooked or slighted it is given special mention, with the best wishes of the Journal to the entire family. Dr. Wilkins is president of the Wilkins Company, which owns the most productive well on the Gulf Coast—the Wilkins No. 2 at Jennings. This well is credited with an output of more than 2,200,000 barrels in fourteen months. Dr. Wilkins is to be congratulated, both on his oil well and his twins.

NEW WELL IN THE POWELL DISTRICT.

J. F. Maxwell and others brought in a 100-barrel well on the E. Brown farm in the new Powell development in Navarro County on January 18. Since it was completed it has caved and it is not making as good as it showed for at first.

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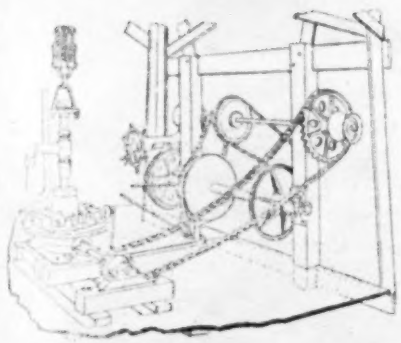

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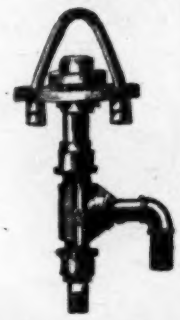

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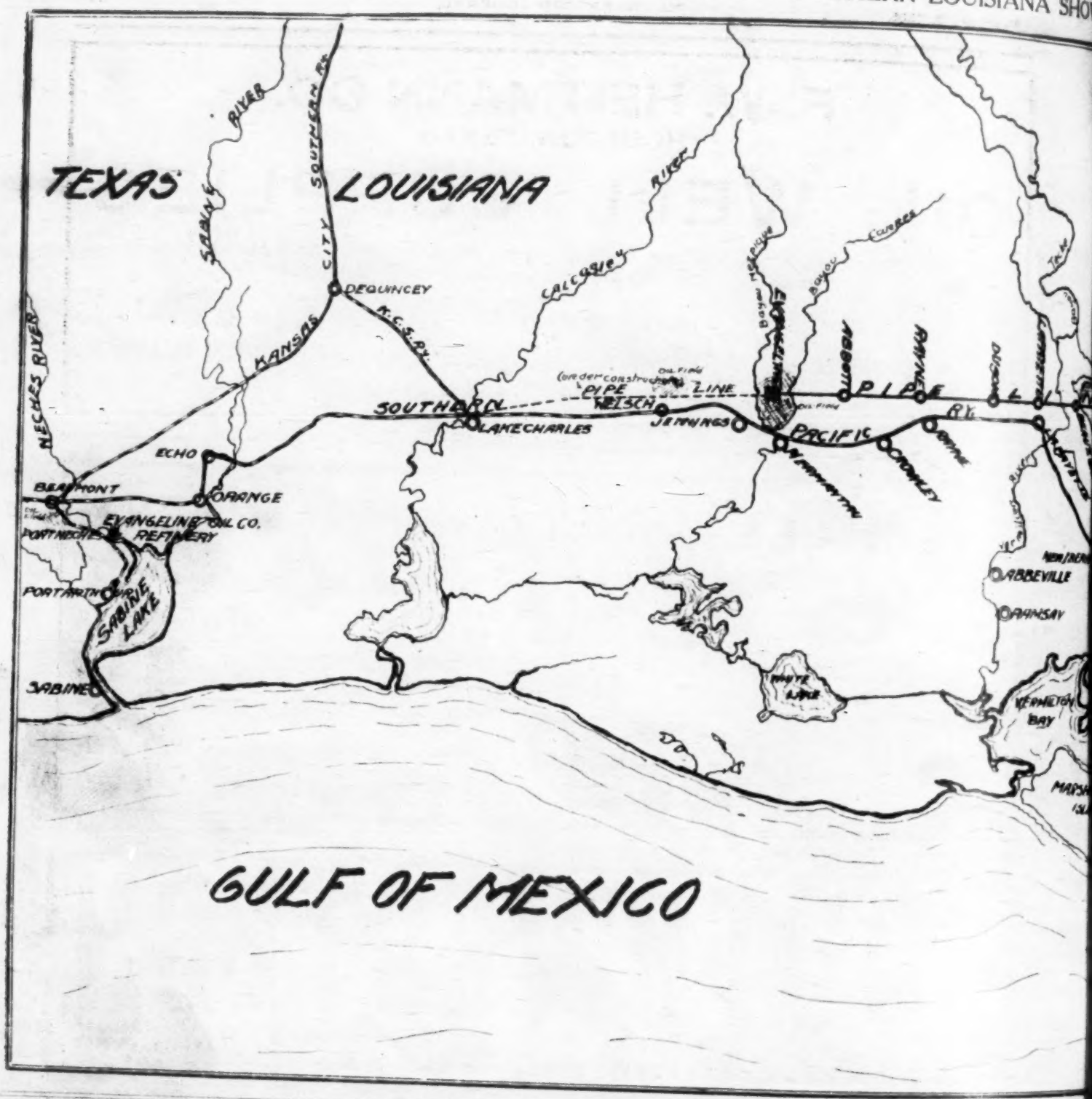

PIPE LINE IN LOUISIANA SWAMPS

A typical scene along the Evangeline Oil Company's line at the eastern end where it extends six or eight miles through swamps.

GOVERNMENT L

This work has been in course of construction locks will connect Plaquemine Bayou with the M

The Jennings oil field (known as Evangeline post office and marked Evangeline on the map) is shown just above and between two stations, Jennings and Mermentau, on the Southern Pacific railroad, which extends from New Orleans westward, passing through Beaumont. Extending eastward from the field is the Evangeline Oil Company's pipe line. At Butte la Rose on the Atchafalaya river the oil from this line is loaded on barges and conveyed by water route to Plaquemine, where it is transferred to barges on the Mississippi river and conveyed to New Orleans and other centers of fuel oil consumption. The Evangeline pipe line passes through the Anse la Butte oil field, which is shown on the map east of the Bayou Teche, whereas it should be shown on the west side of the bayou. The Texas Company's pipe line, now under construction, from the Jennings field westward to Lake Charles, on the Kansas City Southern and Southern Pacific railroads, is indicated by a dotted line. This pipe line passes through the Welsh oil field, fifteen miles west of the Jennings field. The three short pipe lines from the Jennings field to loading racks on the Southern Pacific railroad at Jennings, Mermentau and Egan, are not shown on the map. The position of the Louisiana fields, with reference to the Mississippi river, and New Orleans on the east, and Beaumont on the west, is shown with a fair degree of accuracy. Scale: 1 inch equals 18 miles

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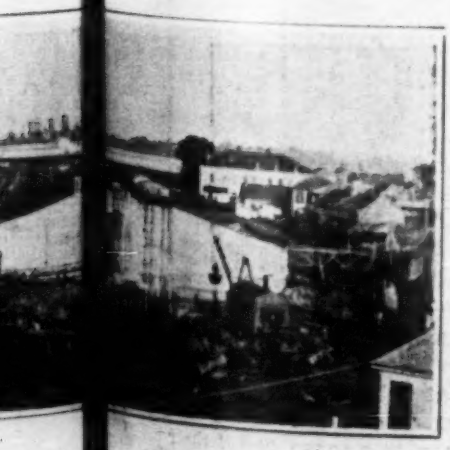

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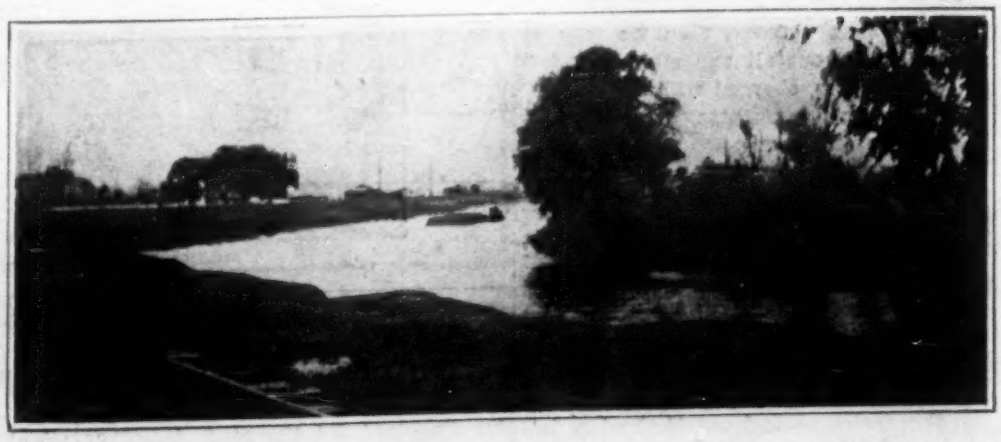

A typical Louisiana Plantation home to be seen in the distance. Tug and oil barge en route to transfer station at Plaquemine.

HADLEY'S INVESTIGATION CAUSES GLOOM IN KANSAS.

Development work in the Mid-continent field in coming to a standstill. For the first time in over two years there is not a single well drilling at Cherryvale; only about three are drilling in the Independence district, Coffeeville is idle without a string moving; Longton has suspended all operations; Erie is on the "suspended animation" list; and those districts that were so active a few months ago, such as Wayside, Humboldt, Niotaze, Jefferson, LeRoy, etc., have passed into that famous state innocuous desuetude. Down in the Indian Territory there is a great dropping off and in Oklahoma there is scarcely anything doing.

Now comes the report that the Standard has suspended work on its second Whiting line as a result of the political agitation and opposition. It is feared tank building will be stopped. Oil men are glum. Hadley and his followers would reform in in about three minutes if they could get out and rub up against public sentiment in the oil fields.—Independence Reporter.

Cheer up, O mournful dispenser of gloom. Try a little liver medicine, and if that doesn't clear the atmosphere, come to Texas. We can take care of Kansas and the Territories without crowding our present population or asking anyone to "Step forward please."

It seems that everything in Kansas must be done in a minor key. If there isn't a loud note that sounds like a discord the air becomes laden with dullness and life ceases to be worth the living. Of course, the Kansas editors will resent this description of things as they appear to us from afar off. What seems to us to be excitement may be mere friendly argument. Therefore we admit in advance that we may be wrong. One prediction, however, we insist upon making: So long as Kansas is Kansas and the Standard Oil Company is the Standard Oil Company there will be agitation. The peculiar breed of statesmen that Kansas produces will always be starting something.

As to the imputation by the Reporter that Attorney General Hadley is responsible for the condition of field work in Kansas and the Territories, this is a false view and one that will be satisfactory only to the Standard Oil Company. If Mr. Hadley has no right to try to ascertain if the laws have been violated, then we may as well turn out all our state and federal officers, charged with the duty of enforcing the statutes, and give individuals and corporations free rein to observe the laws or not, as they please. If the Kansas oil industry is to be made to pay for the effort of Missouri's Attorney General to get at the facts in the line of his inquiry, then the Standard Oil Company must be held responsible.

When it can be shown that Mr. Hadley is actuated by motives other than the desire to find out if the law has been violated, it will be time to criticise him for the energy he has shown in endeavoring to get certain information as to the suspected relation of the Standard Oil Company to other companies in the marketing of refined oils. If the Standard Oil Company and the Waters-Pierce Oil Company and the Republic Oil Company are silent partners, in a sense, and if their

SHIPMENTS OF OIL FROM PORT ARTHUR

DATE	RIG	NAME VESSEL	LOADED BY	CONSIGNEE	DESTINATION	GRADE	BBLS
Jan 15	S S	Roma	Gulf Ref Co	For Orders	Philadelphia	Solar Oil	26,346
17	"	City of Everett	N O & P L Co	Standard	Constable H'k	Crude	26,064
19	Barge	Flyton	Texas Co	Texas Co	New Orleans	Crude	6,049
23	S S	Catania	Gulf Ref. Co	Gulf Ref Co	Gibsons Point	Crude	5,642
23	"	"	"	"	"	Solar	12,030
23	Barge	Allegheny	"	"	Gretna	Ref. oil	2,226
23	"	"	"	"	"	Lubr. Oil	908
23	"	Clark No 3	"	For Orders	Sabine Pass	Crude	4,995
24	S S	A. F. Lucas	Nat'l for H'lz'	Standard	Constable H'k	Crude	42,670
24	"	Balakani	Texas Co	For Orders	Manchester, E	Solar	12,098
24	"	"	"	"	"	Ref. Oil	25,662
25	"	Rocklight	Gulf Ref. Co	"	Dover, Eng	Solar	8,950
26	"	"	"	"	"	Red. crude	15,901
26	Barge	No. 92	Texas Co	Standard	Constable H'k	Gas Oil	36,308
29	S S	Ourial	Gulf Ref. Co	For Orders	Rouen & Ant'	Lubr. Oil	30,629
30	"	Turbo	"	"	Dover, Eng	Red. crude	31,417
30	"	H. Wadsworth	Texas Co	"	Birkenhead E	Liq Fuel	21,296
31	"	Ligonier	Gulf Ref Co	Gulf Ref. Co	Gibsons Point	Solar	18,065
31	"	"	"	"	"	Crude	10,124
31	"	"	"	"	"	Lubr. Oil	496
31	"	"	"	"	"	Asphalt	2,000
31	Barge	Conneaut	"	"	"	Ref. Oil	18,018

Total (barrels) 347,537
Previous Shipments in Jan 153,992
Total for the Month 501,529

Crude 156,722
Other Grades 344,807

SHIPMENTS OF OIL FROM SABINE

DATE	RIG	NAME VESSEL	LOADED BY	CONSIGNEE	DESTINATION	GRADE	BBLS
Jan 16	S S	Northwestern	H. O. & F. Co	Standard	New York	Crude	23,533
18	Barge	Spindletop	"	H. O. & F. Co	Galveston	Crude	4,658
18	S S	Toledo	Sun P. L. Co	Sun Co	Marcus Hook	Crude	21,161
18	Barge	No. 94	Security	Standard	New York	Gas Oil	48,998
23	S S	Lansing	"	"	"	Crude	39,006
23	"	Northman	H. O. & F. Co	"	"	Crude	23,001
24	Barge	Spindletop	"	H. O. & F. Co.	Galveston	Crude	4,091
30	"	"	"	"	"	Crude	4,171
31	S S	Washtenaw	Sun P. L. Co	Sun Co	Marcus Hook	Crude	25,170

Total (barrels) 193,678
Previous Shipments in Jan 104,180
Total for the Month 297,858

Crude 248,320
Other Grades 48,938

Total Crude shipments, both ports in Jan 405,042
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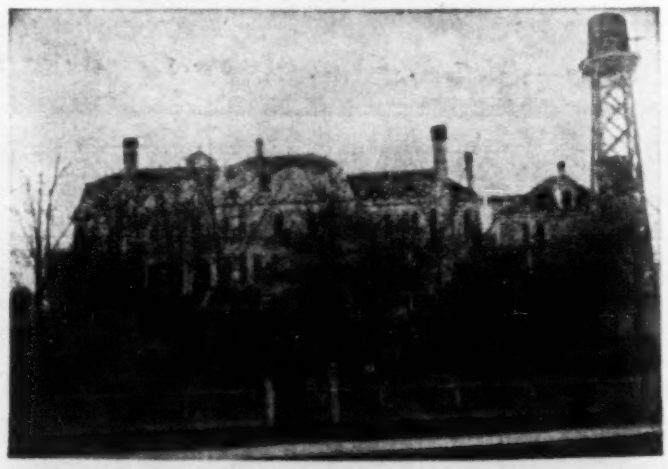

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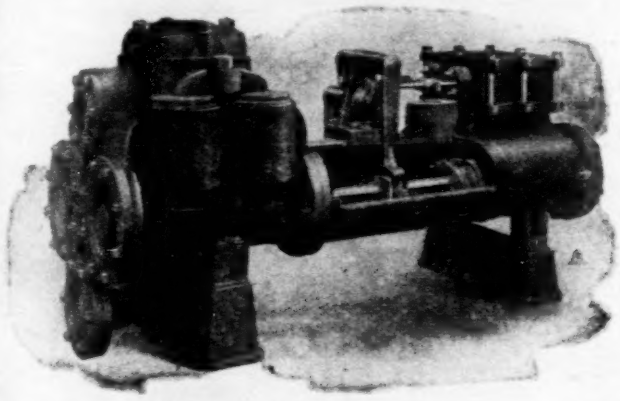

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NEW GAS WELL AT CADDO.

The Gilbert No. 2, located at the north end of the Gilbert farm, in the Caddo field, was completed by Contractor M. P. Cullinan on January 24, and is a dry gas well without a trace of water. It is south of Ananias and between the Gilbert No. 1, near Caddo Lake, and the old development. The new well has been connected up with the Shreveport gas line, making seven wells now on the company's line. The Gilbert No. 1, at the south end of the Gilbert farm, has been threatening to blow out, but at last accounts was under control. The Citizens Oil and Pipe Line Company has completed its gas line from the Caddo field to Shreveport. Distribution of the product in the city will begin about April 1.

The T. H. Bass No. 2, at Sour Lake, 150 feet west of No. 1, is about 2,000 feet deep and has encountered good indications of oil and heavy gas pressure. Bailing showed some black salt water. Operations were suspended on January 31, awaiting construction of a special form of bailer.

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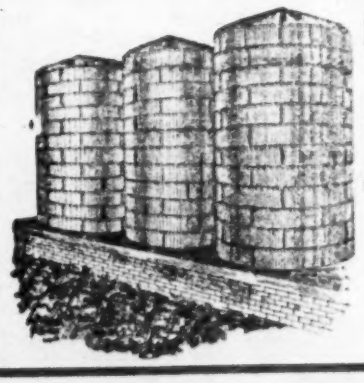

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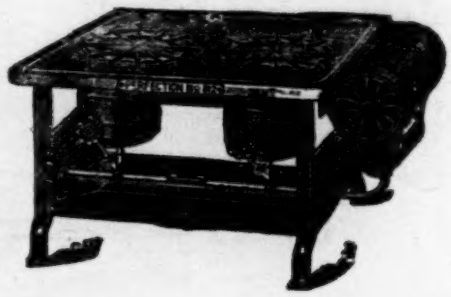

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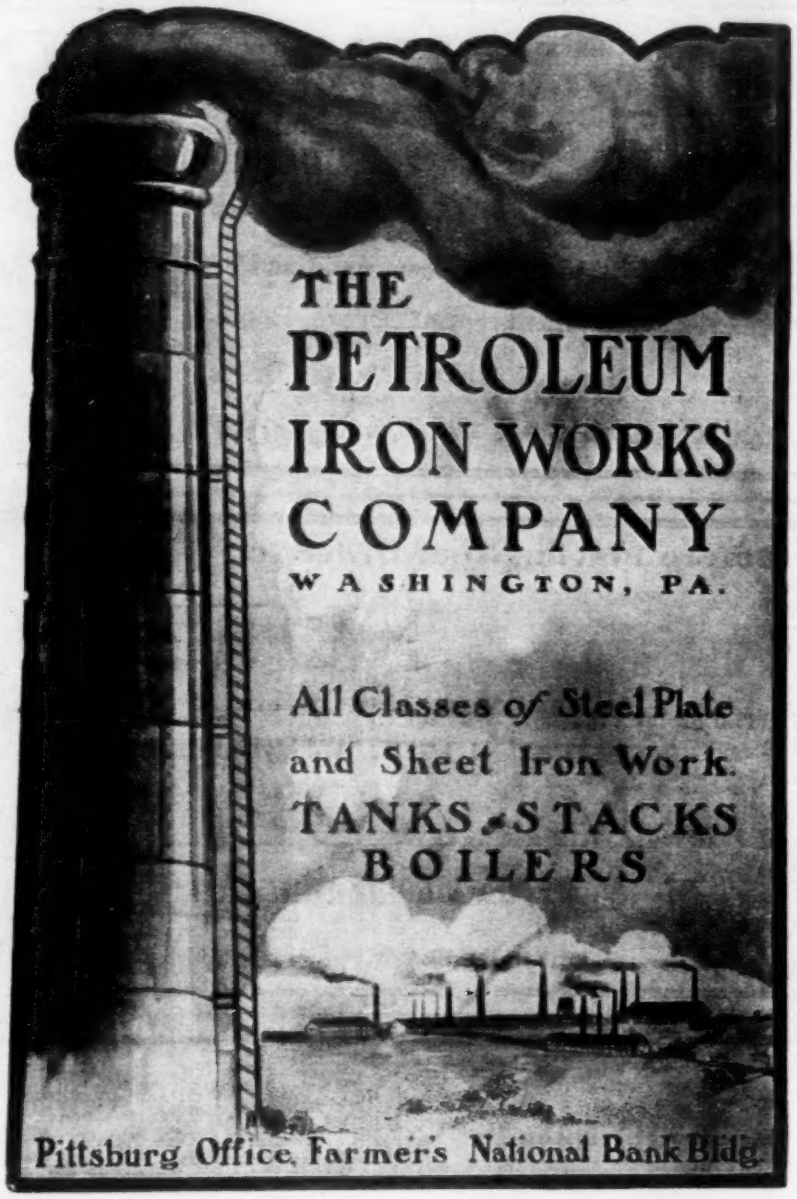

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